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SBA ANNOUNCES FISCAL YEAR END STATS

HELENA, MT – Today, the Montana District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) released its fiscal year-end loan figures for Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005). During FY05, SBA guaranteed **499** loans totaling **\$80,667,253**. Of these loans, **490** for **\$74,234,253** were made through SBA's **7(a)** Guaranty Loan Program which provides short or long term financing for small business start-up or expansion needs. **Nine** loans totaling **\$6,433,000** were made through SBA's **504** Certified Development Company program which provides long term fixed rate financing for land, buildings and equipment.

SBA financed **199** new businesses for **\$28,982,847**. **Construction, contractors, and trucking** were among the **most frequently financed** businesses during FY 2005. Of the 499 loans, **101** loans totaling **\$12,533,535** were made to **women** owned businesses, **57** loans totaling **\$9,001,900** were made to **veterans**, and **40** loans totaling **\$6,628,900** were made to **minority** business owners.

(These figures **DO NOT** include participation in 504 CDC Financing)

Lenders approving ten or more SBA loans:

Bank Name	Bank City	#	\$
Yellowstone Bank	Billings	43	5,327,800
Valley Bank	Helena	43	2,785,300
Capital one Federal Savings Bank	McLean, VA	37	1,570,000
Western Security Bank	Billings	20	1,495,000
First Security Bank	Missoula	17	3,587,000
First Interstate Bank	Billings	13	4,039,400
Heritage Bank	Billings	13	2,170,900
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Helena	12	3,427,700
Stockman Bank	Billings	12	1,442,600
Innovative Bank	Oakland, CA	11	65,000
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Missoula	11	3,433,800
Business Loan Center, LLC	Panama City Beach, FL	11	270,000
U.S. Bank, N.A.	Cincinnati, OH	10	590,000

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Lenders exceeding \$1.5 million in loan volume:

Bank Name	Bank City	#	\$
Yellowstone Bank	Billings	43	5,327,800
Montana Community Finance Corporation	Helena	7	5,015,000
First Interstate Bank	Billings	13	4,039,400
First Security Bank	Missoula	17	3,587,000
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Missoula	11	3,433,800
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Helena	12	3,427,700
CIT Small Business Lending Corp.	Livingston, NJ	4	3,061,000
Valley Bank	Helena	43	2,785,300
Heritage Bank	Billings	13	2,170,900
Bank of the West	Sacramento, CA	1	2,000,000
Capital one Federal Savings Bank	Mclean, VA	37	1,570,000
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Great Falls	7	1,862,000
Mountain West Bank, N.A.	Whitefish	3	1,715,000
First Community Bank	Three Forks	2	1,700,000
Capital One Federal Savings Bank	Mclean, VA	37	1,570,000
Valley Bank	Belgrade	8	1,548,000

Holding companies approving ten or more SBA loans:

Holding Company Name	#	\$
Glacier Bancorp, Inc.	95	12,254,750
Yellowstone Holding Company	54	6,255,400
Capital One Financial Corporation	37	1,570,000
WFC Holdings Corporation	37	3,077,100
Mountain West Financial Corporation	33	8,580,300
First Interstate Bancsystem, Inc.	28	5,556,000
Stockman Financial Corporation	27	4,841,200
United Financial Corporation	21	3,640,900
First National Bancorp, Inc.	13	1,562,000
Business Loan Express, LLC	11	270,000
Butte Bank Shares, Inc.	11	1,689,900
Innovative Bank	11	65,000
Farmers State Financial Corp.	10	1,236,750
U.S. Bancorp	10	590,000

Holding companies exceeding \$2.0 million in loan volume:

Holding Company Name	#	\$
Glacier Bancorp, Inc.	95	12,254,750
Mountain West Financial Corporation	33	8,580,300
Yellowstone Holding Company	54	6,255,400
First Interstate Bancsystem, Inc.	28	5,556,000
Antler Land Company	4	4,875,000
Stockman Financial Corporation	27	4,841,200
United Financial Corp.	21	3,640,900
CIT Small Business Lending Corporation	4	3,185,000
WFC Holdings Corporation	37	3,077,100
First Community Bancorp, Inc.	3	2,725,600
Flathead Holding Company of Bigfork	9	2,010,000
Bank of the West	1	2,000,000

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Counties approving more than five loans:

Yellowstone	\$21,170,121	139
Lewis & Clark	\$6,702,885	66
Missoula	\$8,475,627	47
Gallatin	\$8,482,900	41
Ravalli	\$5,485,800	29
Cascade	\$3,209,100	22
Silver Bow	\$4,814,400	21
Flathead	\$4,720,100	19
Deer Lodge	\$1,001,000	10
Jefferson	\$879,100	10
Carbon	\$1,192,000	8
Lincoln	\$1,052,150	8
Richland	\$551,000	8
Stillwater	\$516,800	8
Park	\$1,749,500	7
Hill	\$1,029,700	5

Counties exceeding \$1.0 million in loan approvals:

Yellowstone	\$21,170,121	139
Gallatin	\$8,482,900	41
Missoula	\$8,475,627	47
Lewis & Clark	\$6,702,885	66
Ravalli	\$5,485,800	29
Silver Bow	\$4,814,400	21
Flathead	\$4,720,100	19
Cascade	\$3,209,100	22
Park	\$1,749,500	7
Glacier	\$1,210,000	2
Carbon	\$1,192,000	8
Sheridan	\$1,150,000	2
Lincoln	\$1,052,150	8
Hill	\$1,029,700	5
Deer Lodge	\$1,001,000	10

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